IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

PRESENT
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 20747 of 2001

Between:

Thakur Golab Singh, S/o. Seethal Singh,
48 years, R/o. Poranapool, Hyderabad
..... PETITIONER

AND

The Inspector of Police,
Sahinayathgunj Police Station, Hyderabad
.....RESPONDENT

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed by the petitioner seeking writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondent-police in maintaining a rowdy-sheet against the petitioner as illegal, arbitrary and violative of the principles of natural justice.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that he was falsely implicated in various case registered by the police, which were later taken up for adjudication before various courts. It is stated by the petitioner that no criminal case is pending against in any Court of law nor he was convicted by any Court. He has been living peacefully along with his family consists of himself and his wife, and six children, who are studying in different schools and colleges at Hyderabad. It is stated that the respondent/police invoking the powers under Sec.742 of the Police Orders, opened a rowdy sheet against the petitioner in the year 1980. It is further stated that there are no cases registered subsequent to the said opening of the rowdy sheet from 1980 onwards. Since it is being continued without renewing, the opening of the rowdy sheet

and its continuance is illegal and therefore, the petitioner sought for appropriate orders for closing the same.

3. A counter is filed by the Inspector of Police referring to various crimes registered, where the petitioner was shown as one of the accused. As many as ten cases were registered against the petitioner during the period from 1979 to 1992. It is stated that the petitioner is a notorious rowdy sheeter. Therefore, in view of the law and order problem, a rowdy sheet was opened against the petitioner. It is stated that the petitioner has been maintaining a Gang and actively involved in breach of peace cases. Therefore, the opening of the rowdy sheet and its continuation is proper and just.

4. Heard both the learned counsel and considered the material on record.

5. The above counter was filed in November 2001, where it was stated that the rowdy sheet is being renewed periodically. However, since the rowdy sheet was opened about more than 20 years back, and even the criminal cases that are referred to are of more than five years old, if the petitioner is not involved in any cases for the last five years, the concerned police authorities are directed to re-consider the rowdy sheet already opened and renewed, and close the same within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of

a coy of this order.

6. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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S.ANANDA REDDY.J

Dated: 18..07..2007
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